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Honorable John N. McMahon Deputy Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. McMahon:

In the process of consulting with the Intelligence Community on our proposed Memoranda of Understanding for Phase B Space Station cooperation with Europe, Japan and Canada, CIA's Technology Transfer Assessment Center has recommended that the computerized data system and data link which we will establish between NASA and our partners be secure. We appreciate and share your concerns about the potential for Soviet or other unauthorized access to the information in the data system. To this end, we have already designed our computer system for Phase B so that our programmatic information system cannot be accessed by our foreign partners because it will not be linked with the separate computer that houses the shared data system. Furthermore, to prevent unauthorized access to the shared data system, we will ensure that we protect the transmission of data between our shared data system computer and the computers of our foreign partners. We will also ensure that appropriate procedures and physical security measures are implemented to restrict access to the system to personnel actively working on the cooperative project.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

James M. Begg

Administrator

